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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable McGeorge Bundy
Special Assistant to the President
for National Security Affairs

This memorandum is in reference to NSAM #208 dated December 6 transmitting a memorandum entitled "Guide lines for the planning of Cuban overflights", and requesting "An estimate of the adequacy of such a system of intelligence collection to meet the criteria set forth ..."

On December 6, I wrote to you stating that I was of the opinion that two regularly scheduled U-2 missions per day would reasonably satisfy the requirements, with the understanding that postponed flights, because of weather, would be flown when weather permitted, and with the further understanding that low-level flights would be requested if considered necessary because of special interest in targets or protracted postponement of the high level missions.

With reference to the assumption expressed in NSAM #208 that an energetic program for the collection of information by all other available means would be used to supplement photography, the United States Intelligence Board has considered these carefully.

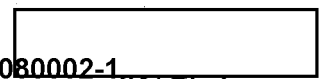
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(c) The United States Intelligence Board has also considered ways for more energetic utilization of resources available in the military services, most particularly the Army and the Navy, and will take such actions as might be appropriate to increase their unilateral activities without duplicating the activities of CIA.

I think the combination of the photography and other measures can give us a reasonably satisfactory body of intelligence. However, it will not, in my opinion, be totally satisfactory nor as dependable as an arrangement for well organized on-site inspection, which is politically not attainable at the present time.

(Signed) JOHN A. MCCONE

John A. McCone
Director

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